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Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Services and Collaboration Program**

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I. Availability of Funds Summary

a. Federal grant award summary

The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) grant supports and enhances the efforts of states and local jurisdictions to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. For the purpose of this solicitation, “minors” are defined as individuals younger than 21 years old.

b. Potential funding level and number of awards

The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Services and Collaboration Program, administered by the Executive Office of the Mayor, Justice Grants Administration (JGA) under the authority of the Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is seeking applications for FY2011. JGA projects that \$680,000 will be available to support multiple awards, in the average range of \$40,000 - \$125,000 per award. Award numbers and amounts are subject to change depending upon federal funding levels and the quality and quantity of proposals received. The RFA does not commit JGA to make an award.

JGA reserves the right to accept or deny any or all applications if JGA determines it is in the best interest of JGA to do so. JGA will notify applicants if the application is not selected for funding.

c. Award period

The funding period for awards is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2010 in line with the start of Fiscal Year 2011. Grantees will be expected to begin project activities at this time. All awards will be for a 12-month project period unless otherwise noted; no extensions past 12 months will be granted except in exceptional circumstances and through a formal request and approval process.

Current grantees will have to reapply to JGA for subsequent years of funding with continued grant awards contingent upon grantee’s demonstrated progress and project outcomes.

d. Eligibility requirements

Qualified government and non-governmental organizations are eligible and invited to submit applications specific to the RFA funding priorities. Proposed costs shall be determined in accordance with the District of Columbia *City-Wide Grants Manual and Sourcebook*; 2 CFR 230 (A-122), “Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations”; 2 CFR 225 (A-87), “Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments”; and 2 CFR 220 (A-21), “Cost Principles for Educational Institutions”; OMB Circular A-133 is used pursuant to the Single Audit Act 502, and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, P.L. 104-156.

In order to be eligible, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A previous ongoing organizational commitment to preventing underage drinking, either as the main focus of the organization's mission or as part of a broader commitment to adolescent substance abuse prevention.
- A commitment to using JGA funds to focus on preventing underage drinking within high-need communities and for at-risk youth populations.
- The willingness and capability to participate in the DC EUDL Community Prevention Network (see section IIa), and more broadly, the ability to collaborate with other agencies/organizations where needed.

II. Funding Initiative

a. Funding Initiative

Consistent with the federal purpose areas for the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant; guidance provided by JGA's advisory boards; empirically-supported and best practices in the field; and feedback provided through interviews with a diverse array of stakeholders in the juvenile and criminal justice systems, JGA has identified several funding initiatives for this solicitation.

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Services and Collaboration Program

The goal of the EUDL Services and Collaboration Program is to reduce the sale/purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, and to mitigate the negative consequences of this consumption. To accomplish this goal, JGA has partnered with the Department of Health, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) to provide funding, coordination, and technical assistance to support a diverse array of policy, prevention interventions, and enforcement activities around underage drinking, with a particular focus on high-risk communities and at-risk youth populations in the District of Columbia.

There are two components to the EUDL Services and Collaboration Program; applicants must respond to both components in the applications:

- Funding Program Areas; and
- DC EUDL Community Prevention Network (DCPN)

Funding Program Areas

JGA is looking to use EUDL grant resources to support activities in the following program areas: policy/systems change; prevention interventions;

compliance/enforcement; and data collection. Applicants must identify a proposed set of activities for funding in one or more of these areas, and applications should be reflective of the identified principles and practices in the chosen area(s):

Funding Program Area 1: Policy/Systems Change

The focus of proposed activities in this program area should be policy and broader systems changes that affect the legal and institutional infrastructure of underage drinking laws, prevention policies and practices, coordination, and enforcement in the District.

Funding Program Area 2: Prevention Interventions

Applicants seeking funding in this program area should propose activities focused on youth and parent education and awareness building as well as interventions focused on working directly with youth to increase their knowledge about and decrease their use of alcohol and related substances.

Funding Program Area 3: Compliance/Enforcement

Applicants seeking funding in this program area should propose activities around compliance checks and enforcement activities in the District of Columbia, with a particular focus on high-need communities. Alcohol retailers are the first line in defense in preventing the sale of alcohol to minors and routine checks are the key to preventing alcohol sales to minors. In order to deter merchants from selling alcohol to minors, compliance checks should be conducted.

Funding Program Area 4: Data collection

Applicants seeking funding in this program area should propose activities around data collection efforts that will help the District and community better understand the underage drinking problem.

DC EUDL Community Prevention Network

A second core component of the EUDL Services and Collaboration Program is the DC EUDL Community Prevention Network (DCPN). All JGA EUDL grant recipients are required to participate in the DCPN as a condition of their grant award. The DCPN will consist of the District EUDL administrative management, EUDL JGA grant recipients' project director/manager, APRA DC Prevention Center representatives, other prevention grant recipients receiving federal or DC underage drinking funds and knowledge experts who can advise on reducing underage drinking and/or enforcing underage drinking laws.

The DCPN is based on a vision of strengthening prevention intervention services for underage drinking; creating a base of knowledge about best programs, policies, and practices for preventing and reducing the progression of underage alcohol use; recommending adaptations for EUDL evidence-based programs and practices that address the unique and diverse needs within the District of Columbia; addressing EUDL challenges; and sustaining best practices that are demonstrating results.

The DCPN will be led, facilitated, and managed by APRA, and is part of a larger APRA/JGA partnership to strengthen and improve substance abuse prevention services, coordination and outcomes at the District and Ward levels

At a minimum, all EUDL grant recipients will be required, as a condition of their grant award, to comply with the following DCPN requirements:

- A project director/manager who has responsibility for the funded activities must be assigned to this network and participate in meetings with other Network partners, JGA, and APRA. This point of contact should also be available to APRA and other Network members for additional information requests in between DCPN meetings.
- Attend monthly meetings to discuss and analyze DC EUDL successes, challenges, implementation and coordination issues, and needs for technical assistance.
- Help the District to develop a baseline data-driven understanding of the underage drinking problem at the District and Ward levels; serve as a point of coordination and collective thinking about needed data collection and dissemination activities; and share data and results on underage drinking projects and activities.
- Actively contribute to a local body of practice knowledge about prevention interventions in underage drinking and enforcing compliance with related policies and laws.
- Contribute information, guidance, and recommendations around the implementation of APRA prevention services and coordination around underage drinking and other substance abuse prevention issues in the District and at the Ward levels.
- Represent the DC EUDL Program at national and District conferences, workshops and meetings as requested by APRA and JGA.
- Provide support to the FY 2010-2011 “Community Conversations” , that are being implemented following the initial April 2010 Community Conversation meeting in cooperation with APRA and the DC Prevention Centers

b. Required project/program activities and use of funds

Project/program activities

Program Area 1: Policy/Systems Change

- Improving and expanding awareness of, education about, and training on the current District policies and laws, and sanctions for breaking these laws, around underage drinking targeted at youth, parents, vendors/merchants, law enforcement, local governments, and community based organizations.
- Media campaigns that include activities such as the production and distribution of literature and posters advertising underage drinking policies and laws to various entities, including vendors/merchants, District agencies, and CBOS. These materials should reflect current underage drinking policies and laws and the importance of enforcing/complying with the laws.
- In addition, grantees will be required to use 5% of their JGA sub-grant award to support an evaluation of this grant as described in section IIIc.

Program Area 2: Prevention Interventions

- Educational activities that inform youth, parents, vendors and others about the prevalence and consequences of underage drinking, including the link between underage drinking and juvenile delinquency and crime (i.e. truancy, curfew violations, disorderly conduct, vehicle-related offenses, and other offenses associated with substance use). Activities that include significant youth involvement, leadership, and mentoring are strongly encouraged.
- Media campaigns including television, radio, print, web-based, and billboard communication vehicles focusing on educating the public about and on changing community norms regarding the harmful effects of underage drinking (i.e. risks associated with first use and continued use).
- The identification, centralization, and dissemination of Ward/community specific resource listings of substance abuse prevention programs and related services that target the reduction of underage drinking. These resources should be organized around places where youth live, work, and play (e.g. parents/caregivers, schools, community agencies) and include details on access, eligibility for services, purpose and contact information.
- Activities to prevent the age of first use and/or interrupt the progression of youth alcohol use, including targeted prevention services and efforts to improve/expand the coordination of service delivery for these youth. Example activities include youth reaching and teaching their peers resistance skills; peer support and advocacy programs such as Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD); and school/community programs that involve youth in creating and facilitating pro-social norms and no use behavior around alcohol use.
- In addition, grantees will be required to use 5% of their JGA sub-grant award to support an evaluation of this grant as described in section III. c.

Program Area 3: Compliance/Enforcement

- Partnerships on behalf of multiple agencies to conduct random compliance checks on a variety of alcohol selling establishments throughout the District, and that include trained youth to effectively conduct compliance checks. Applicants must identify, consistent amongst all partners: the collaborative partners that will be involved in compliance checks; each partners' roles and responsibilities; protocol in identifying compliance checks on establishments; and a projected number of compliance checks
- Targeting compliance checks to communities and specific vendors based on data about alcohol consumption, distribution, and juvenile delinquency and crime. In particular, applicants must explore how compliance checks can be targeted in high-need communities and that will have the most impact on the alcohol access of at-risk youth populations.
- Develop a system to provide incentives/rewards for positive compliance checks. This system can include a certification program with incentives and rewards. An establishment that doesn't sell to minors (based on compliance checks conducted) will receive a "certificate" to place in their establishment or another form of

public recognition. Establishments in this program would need to be regularly monitored to maintain compliance.

- Activities other than compliance checks designed to ensure that the current laws around underage drinking are enforced consistently and thoroughly, and that this legal enforcement includes appropriate and immediate sanctions as well as incentives for compliance. Potential activities could include training, individualized consultation sessions, and peer learning/mentoring programs designed to educate vendors about underage drinking laws, the harmful consequences of underage drinking, and who to contact for information on underage drinking prevention interventions and information.
- Media campaigns including television, radio, print, web-based, and billboard communication vehicles focusing on the importance of vendors/merchants not selling to minors. These materials should reflect current underage drinking policies and laws and the importance of enforcing/complying with the laws.
- In addition, grantees will be required to use 5% of their JGA sub-grant award to support an evaluation of this grant as described in section IIIc.

Program Area 4: Data Collection

- Create, improve and/or expand the use of data collection and assessment tools that will help the District to better understand the underage drinking problem in the District and specific to each Ward;
- Improve District capacity on an ongoing basis to collect, aggregate, analyze, and use data on underage drinking to inform policy, practice and funding decisions;
- Establish District-wide or community specific underage drinking use, prevalence, and consequence baseline data indicators.
- Proposed activities that assist the District in building its capacity around the following data indicators are strongly encouraged:
 - Age of 1st alcohol use
 - Prevalence and intensity of use
 - Youth and parent perceptions and awareness
 - Media access of alcohol products (ads/billboards in the community)
 - Number and location of outlets licensed to sell alcohol in the District
 - Number, location, and outcomes of compliance checks conducted
 - Documenting the link between alcohol use and harmful consequences including low school performance/attachment (e.g. academic failure, truancy, dropout), drinking and driving, motor vehicle accidents, and juvenile crime
- In addition, grantees will be required to use 5% of their JGA sub-grant award to support an evaluation of this grant as described in section IIIc

Use of funds

- Funds may be used for staffing, technology and systems (i.e. data collection for evaluation), or other types of resource investments.
- JGA requires a satisfactory evaluation of each grantee's project-related outcomes. To ensure adequate reporting and demonstration of the organization's impact, 5%

of the funds awarded must be used to develop or enhance evaluation tools and/or reporting.

c. Required Performance Measures (Outputs/Outcomes)

- i. Definitions: Outputs should include concrete, measurable services or deliverables produced by a program. Outcomes describe the end result of efforts, and should also be measurable. Outcomes may apply to the immediate impact of program activities, or may describe a broader long-term result that cannot be measured within the project timeline (e.g., impact on a community or system as a whole), applicants may include both measureable immediate and overall long-term outcomes. Outcomes should be logically linked to one or more outputs.

The below outputs and outcomes are designed system accountability and the organization's infrastructure in addition to program scope.

- ii. Policy/Systems Change

- Outputs
 - Number and types of activities involving youth, parents, vendors/merchants, government agencies, and community-based organizations receiving information/training on underage drinking policies and sanctions/incentives (defined as each time a training occurs or new resource is disseminated, and for each, reported information should include: a record of the name of the training/information disseminated; how many people received the new information; purpose; outcomes; agenda/content; participant/dissemination list; and follow-up planned)
 - Number and type of activities conducted to increase communication and collaboration on underage drinking (defined as each time a meeting, conference call, forum, activity, or other mechanism is facilitated that involves multiple agencies sharing information and working together to prevent underage drinking)
 - Number and type of activities designed to strengthen systems related to the prevention of underage drinking (defined as discrete activities to improve/expand government operations, institutional structures, information systems, and resources related to underage drinking)
 - Number and type of events or media coverage that occurred related to underage drinking laws and policies (defined as each time a new written or electronic resource is developed and ready for dissemination or use; the audience targeted; and number of people exposed to these media activities)
- Outcomes
 - Improved and/or strengthened underage drinking policies and/or awareness of these policies as a result of funded activities
 - Improved and/or strengthened systems, as defined above, as a result of funded activities

iii. Prevention Interventions

- Outputs
 - Number and types of educational activities involving youth, parents, vendors/merchants, government agencies, and community-based organizations receiving information/training on the prevalence and consequences of underage drinking (defined as each time a training occurs or new resource is disseminated, and for each, reported information should include: a record of the name of the training/information disseminated; how many people received the new information; purpose; outcomes; agenda/content; participant/dissemination list; and follow-up planned)
 - Number of resources identified, and resource information centralized and disseminated, that provides information on substance abuse prevention programs and services related to underage drinking (defined as the number of resources identified; type and number of information materials developed; and the number of individuals to whom this information is disseminated)
 - Number and type of prevention services developed, strengthened and/or expanded (defined as activities to develop/improve/expand services; number, type, and frequency of services provided; and the number of youth participating in and receiving these services)
 - Number and type of media coverage that occurred related to underage drinking prevention (defined as each time a new written or electronic resource is developed and ready for dissemination or use; the audience targeted; and number of people exposed to these media activities)
- Outcomes
 - Number of youth and/or other key audiences that experience a positive change relating to the prevention of underage drinking (defined as a quantifiable change in knowledge, behavior or skills and/or participation in activities)

iv. Compliance/Enforcement

- Outputs
 - Number of agencies and youth involved in conducting underage drinking compliance and/or enforcement activities and the type and frequency of activities
 - Number, percent, and location¹ of OFF-premise² establishments checked, and percentage that were in compliance
 - Number, percent, and location³ of ON-premise⁴ establishments checked, and percentage that were in compliance

¹ Applicants should focus on establishments in high-need communities

² An OFF-premise establishment is defined as an alcohol outlet that sells alcohol that is consumed off premise, such as liquor and convenient stores.

³ Applicants should focus on establishments in high-need communities

- Number and type of educational, training, or other activities (not compliance checks) related to underage drinking compliance and enforcement (defined as each time a training occurs or new resource is disseminated, and for each, reported information should include: a record of the name of the training/information disseminated; how many people received the new information; purpose; outcomes; agenda/content; participant/dissemination list; and follow-up planned)
- Number and type of adult citations issued during enforcement operations
- Number and type of youth citations issued during enforcement operations
- Number and type of establishment citations issued during enforcement operations
- Outcomes
 - Increased number and percentage of establishments checked and number and percentage of establishments in compliance
 - Increased/improved enforcement activities, and number and percentage of sanctions/incentives provided

d. Data Collection:

- Outputs
 - Definition, number and type of data collection and analysis activities
 - Definition, number and type of data capacity improvement activities
 - Number and type of government agencies and organizations collaborating on data collection, analysis, and use activities
 - Number of new underage drinking baseline data or ongoing data indicators obtained
- Outcomes
 - Consistent method of defining, collecting and analyzing underage drinking data established at the District and/or Ward levels
 - Improved underage drinking data collection instruments developed and disseminated
 - Increased access, consistency, reliability, and specificity of data available to the District related to underage drinking

e. Required collaboration

- i. Letters of commitment from partnering organizations whose support and participation is required for successful program operation must be included as part of the application. Letters should identify the roles and responsibilities of all parties, the commitment period, point of contact for each partner, and any other necessary information. The letters of commitment should be dated no earlier than April 1, 2010.

⁴ An ON-premise establishment is defined as an alcohol outlet that sells alcohol that is consumed on site, such as bars and restaurants

- ii. Any Memoranda of Understanding or Memoranda of Agreement, or other formal interagency agreements described in the application must be in place within the first 30 days of the grant period. Any partnerships described in letters of commitment should be formalized by this time.

III. Application requirements

Applicants are required to follow the format and content requirements below. Any missing items or deviations will render the application ineligible. The number of pages for the program narrative should not exceed twenty double-spaced pages on 8 ½ by 11 inch paper; pages in excess of the maximum will not be reviewed. Required attachments and budget/budget narrative do not count toward the application page count. Application margins must not be less than one inch; a font size of 12-point is required (Times New Roman or Courier type recommended); and all pages should be numbered.

a. Project Abstract

A project abstract must be included as the first page of the program narrative. It must not exceed 200 words and should briefly describe the following: the project's purpose; the population served; summary of activities that will be implemented to achieve the project's goals and objectives; and description of how progress towards these goals will be measured.

b. Program Narrative

The program narrative must provide a detailed description of the purpose, goals, objectives, strategies, design, and management of the proposed project. The narrative section should not exceed twenty double-spaced pages. The narrative must contain the following elements:

- i. A description of the specific proposed program/project activities (including those required by the RFA) and how these activities will meet an identified community need;
- ii. Project/program model and approach, and how this approach is supported by empirical research/best practices;
- iii. A clear explanation/logic model for how the proposed program/project activities will facilitate the identified outputs/outcomes, and how the applicant will ensure the refinement of and fidelity to this logic model;
- iv. Timeline of key startup and implementation activities with associated project deliverables;
- v. Target population/stakeholders to be served;
- vi. Geographic area to be served;
- vii. Referral process (if applicable); and
- viii. How the program/project is consistent with and will further the applicant organization's mission, and will build/strengthen its own and/or the District's capacity and expertise.

c. Performance Measures (Outputs/Outcomes)

This section should list the identified outputs and outcome measures cited in the RFA as well as any additional proposed project/program/organizational outputs and outcomes. This section must describe the applicant's current capacity to collect, analyze, and report on data on the identified outputs and outcomes; the applicant's plan for collecting and reporting this data to JGA during the grant period; and how, if at all, the applicant will use JGA funds to improve this capacity.

d. Statement of Qualifications

The applicant must demonstrate the qualifications, experience, expertise, and capacity of the applicant organization and associated staff to achieve the identified outcomes; the applicant should provide qualitative and quantitative outcomes if possible. Any supporting reports, outcome data, presentations, awards, certifications, resumes, and/or references should be included as attachments. If applicable, this section should also speak to the applicants' past programmatic and administrative experience with JGA grants.

e. Budget and Budget Narrative

The applicant must provide the budget along with a budget narrative that provides a clear and detailed explanation of and justification for each expense in each category. If a match is required, then the proposed match sources and breakdown must be provided in the budget detail worksheet. The applicant must provide an outline of the administrative and fiscal oversight plan to ensure that the project remains on track and funds are requested and expended in a timely and appropriate fashion.

1. Use of funds

Proposed expenses must be consistent with the funding priorities and required use of funds identified in section II. A sample budget is located at on the JGA website for further guidance/clarification.

Costs must be incurred only during the grant period; any expense incurred outside of the grant period—October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011—will be considered unallowable and will not be reimbursed.

JGA reserves the right to modify the allowable cost provisions of sub-grant awards based upon federal or District policy.

The following restrictions apply to the use of funds from this RFA:

- Supplanting: JGA funds must be used to support new activities or to supplement existing funds for program activities, and not replace funds already appropriated for the same purpose.
- Construction/Other Prohibited Uses: JGA funds may not be used to purchase, lease, rent, or acquire security enhancements or equipment to non-governmental entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety; vehicles, vessels, or

aircraft; luxury items; real estate; construction projects, other than penal correctional institutions; or any similar matters.

- Travel: Grantees cannot exceed federal travel, meals and lodging rates established by the US General Services Administration as found at www.gsa.gov.
- Lobbying: No grant funds shall be used to pay for any personal services, advertisement, telegram, telephone communications, letter, printed or written matter, or other device, intended to influence a member of Congress or any other federal, state, or local elected official to favor or oppose any act, bills, resolutions, or similar legislation, or any similar initiative, constitutional amendment, or any similar procedures by Congress, and local council, or any similar governing body, except that this subsection shall not preclude such funds from being used in connection with communications to federal, state, or local elected officials through proper official channels, pertaining to authorization, appropriation, or oversight measures directly affecting the operation of the programs involved.

2. Match

As per federal guidelines, grantees will not be required to match of their JGA sub-grant award for the 12 month project period. Although a match is not required, JGA will give preference to those applicants that can identify additional sources of funding that will support their application. Applicants may satisfy this match with cash or in-kind services; federal funds cannot be used to match a federal award. Grantees will be required to provide JGA with quarterly match updates with supporting documentation. All match expenses identified in the proposed budget could be subject to an audit.

f. Financial Statements/Business License

Applicants are required to submit a copy of the most recent and complete set of audited or unaudited financial statements available for the applicant organization. If audited financial statements have never been prepared due to the size or recent establishment of an organization, the applicant must provide, at a minimum, an organizational budget, an income statement (profit and loss statement), and a balance sheet certified by an authorized representative of the organization, and any letters, filings, etc. submitted to the IRS within three years before the date of the grant application.

The applicant must submit evidence of being a legally-authorized entity (e.g. 501(c)(3) determination letter) and a current business license, if relevant for the applicant's business status, and any correspondence or other communication received from the IRS within three years before submission of the grant application that relates to the applicant's tax status.

g. Sustainability

Applicants that are funded under this solicitation should not expect to receive continued funding from JGA for the same project for future fiscal years. Applicants' sustainability plans are weighted heavily in JGA's application reviews and scoring, and grantees'

ability to sustain JGA-supported activities is a strong consideration in all future JGA funding decisions.

h. Disclosure of Legal Proceedings

Applicants must disclose, in a written statement and on organization letterhead, the truth of which is sworn or attested to by the applicant organization, whether the applicant organization, or where applicable, any of its officers, partners, principals, members, associates, or key employees, within the last three years prior to the date of the application has:

- i. been indicted or had charges brought against them (if still pending) and/or been convicted of (a) any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the applicant's organization or (b) any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud; or
- ii. been the subject of legal proceeding arising directly from the provision of services by the organization.

If the response is in the affirmative, the applicant must fully describe any such indictments, charges, conviction, or legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and surrounding circumstances in writing and provide documentation of the circumstances.

IV. Administrative Requirements

a. Tax Requirements

Successful applicants selected for award must obtain and submit current year filing certification from the District of Columbia Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) that the applicant organization has complied with the filing requirements of District of Columbia tax laws and that the entity has paid taxes due to the District of Columbia, or is in compliance with any payment agreement with OTR.

Successful applicants may be asked to submit an affidavit indicating that the applicant organization is current on all taxes, including Unemployment Insurance and Worker's Compensation premiums.

b. Programmatic reporting/Monitoring

Grantees are required to submit, in electronic form, quarterly programmatic reports to JGA. Grantees will be required to report on the performance measures (outputs/outcomes) identified in section IIc. through quarterly programmatic reports submitted to JGA as well as semi-annually or annually directly to the federal government. Additional information on federal reporting procedures and due dates will be provided at the time of award. All grantees will receive, at a minimum, an annual site visit from JGA staff to review their grant file, administrative procedures, and program operations.

c. Reimbursement requests and expenditure reports

JGA grants function on a cost-reimbursement basis only. Reimbursements will be processed on a quarterly basis. Grantees that prefer monthly reimbursements may request such from the JGA program manager at the time of their grant award.

In addition to specific funding restrictions described in this RFA, all grantees must expend grant funds in accordance with the cost principles delineated in the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions”, A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations”, A-87, and Cost Principles for State, local and Indian Tribal Governments”, Circular A-133 (Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organization), and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Financial Guide (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/>) and the District of Columbia *City-Wide Grants Manual and Sourcebook*.

Grantees will be required to submit electronic requests for reimbursement accompanied by scanned supporting financial documentation (i.e. copies of cancelled checks, financial bank statements, etc.) and signature pages to JGA. Grantees that are unable to scan financial documentation can request the use of grant funds for a scanner, if allowable.

d. Insurance clause

Successful applicants will be required to provide, in writing, the name of all insurance carriers and the type of insurance provided (e.g. its general liability insurance carrier, automobile insurance carrier, workers’ compensation insurance carrier, fidelity bond holder). JGA will provide additional guidance on insurance documentation and requirements at the time of award.

e. High Risk Designation

Organizations will be designated “high risk” if JGA determines that the organization is otherwise responsible but:

- i. Has been designated “high risk” by another entity
- ii. Has a history of unsatisfactory performance
- iii. Is not financially stable
- iv. Has a management system that does not meet the management standards set forth in this part; or
- v. Has not conformed to terms and conditions of a previous award

If JGA determines that an award will be made to a high-risk organization, then funding restrictions may be included. If JGA decides to impose any funding restrictions, then JGA will notify the organization in writing of the restriction, the reason(s), corrective actions, and process for requesting reconsideration.

f. Privacy/Confidentiality

Except as otherwise provided by federal law, no recipient of JGA funds shall use or reveal any research or statistical information furnished under JGA by any person, and identifiable to any specific private person, for any purpose other than the purpose for

which such information was obtained in accordance with the JGA program funded. Such information, and any copy of such information shall be immune from legal process and shall not, with the consent of the person furnishing such information, be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any action, suit, or judicial, legislative, or administrative proceeding.

Client records will be kept confidential and secure in accordance with the District and federal regulations. In accordance with standard practice, only aggregate data and/or individual data that is non-identifiable will be released.

g. Additional requirements

JGA reserves the right to require additional certifications and/or information. JGA will provide written notice of any additional requirements.

V. JGA, Funding, and RFA Background

a. JGA agency description

The Justice Grants Administration is the State-Administering Agency (SAA) that secures and manages federal grant funds related to juvenile and criminal justice for the District of Columbia. JGA is responsible for directing and administering these and other funding streams to the community in a way that facilitates improved programs, policies, and coordination for the District's juvenile and criminal justice systems. For more information about JGA, please refer to the JGA website (<http://jga.oca.dc.gov>)

b. Competitive regulations

JGA follows the competitive bid process for all grant funds in accordance with District and federal competitive regulations. All applications will be considered under the federal guidelines that determine allowable expenses for each specific federal grant.

c. Payment provisions

Grant funds, including intra-districts, are awarded on a cost reimbursement basis only. There are no cash advances for start-up costs, or otherwise.

d. Non-discrimination in delivery of services and discrimination reporting

In accordance with the below listed applicable federal statutes as well as District non-discrimination requirements, grantees agree to not discriminate in their provision of services against any and all protected populations. In addition, grantees agree to notify JGA within 48 hours of any and all employee or beneficiary formal complaints of discrimination against their organization, and to more generally comply with all civil rights hiring and beneficiary service policies and procedures as identified in the below listed applicable statutes. Applicable statutes may include the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3789d); the Victims of Crime Act (42 U.S.C. 10604(e)) ; the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 5672(b)); the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

(29 U.S.C. 794); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131-34); the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681, 1683, 1685-86); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07); Ex. Order 13279 (equal protection of the laws for faith-based and community organizations).

e. Rights in data

Grantees may not publish scientific or technical articles based on this data and/or information without the prior approval and written consent of JGA. JGA shall not unreasonably withhold consent of the sub grantee's request(s) to publish or reproduce data in professional and scientific publications.

f. Corrective action and termination of funding

In the event the programmatic, financial, or documentation conditions of the grant are not being met in a thorough and timely fashion progressive actions will be taken, at the discretion of the District of Columbia and its representatives, up to and including termination. A project which is prematurely terminated will be subject to the same requirements regarding audit, recordkeeping, and submission of reports as a project which runs for the duration of the project period.

g. Contingency clauses

- i. JGA reserves the right to make changes to the RFA, based on any clarifications in the regulations, legislative changes, or funding level fluctuations from the federal government. Funding for grantees is contingent on continued funding from the grantor.
- ii. The RFA does not commit JGA to award sub-grants. JGA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications if the agency determines it in the best interest of the agency to do so. The agency will notify all applicants of the rejected proposals. JGA may suspend or terminate an outstanding RFA pursuant to its own grantmaking rule(s) or any applicable federal or District regulation or requirement.
- iii. JGA reserves the right to issue addenda and/or amendments subsequent to the RFA process or to rescind the RFA.
- iv. JGA shall not be liable for any costs incurred in the preparation of applications in response to RFA. Applicants agree that all costs incurred in developing the application are the applicants' sole responsibility.
- v. JGA may conduct pre-award on-site visits to verify information submitted in the application or to determine if proposed facilities are appropriate for the proposed services.
- vi. JGA may require applicants to enter negotiations and submit a price, technical or other revision of their proposal that may result from negotiations.
- vii. If there are any conflicts between the terms and conditions of the RFA and any federal or District law or regulation, or any ambiguity related thereby, then the provisions of the applicable law or regulation shall control and it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance.

VI. Proposal Submission and Review Process

a. Registration

Applicants are strongly encouraged to subscribe to JGA's FY 2011 Funding Opportunities email updates. This will enable JGA to send announcements, updates and reminders regarding application deadlines, information sessions, applicant Q&A and other important notices. Note: applicants may subscribe for FY 2011 Funding Opportunities email updates only through the close of the FY 2011 solicitation period. After application deadlines, the list will be closed. Registration may be accessed on the Funding Opportunities page of JGA's website:

<http://jga.dc.gov/DC/JGA/Grantmaking/Funding+Opportunities/Funding+Opportunities>

b. Submission process

Applicants must email an electronic copy of their application to JGA. If applicants are unable to scan the required signature pages then these signature pages should be faxed to JGA by the application deadline. All other materials must be received electronically.

All required sections of the funding application must be received by May 28, 2010 at 5:00 PM; late proposals will not be accepted nor will JGA consider any applications that do not include all required application elements and attachments.

Finally, all electronically submitted documents should include the RFA # to which the application is responding as well as the submitting organization's name in the title of the electronic file.

c. Inquiries

All questions pertaining to this (RFA) must be submitted in writing via email to the identified JGA grant manager. The questions and answers will then be distributed to all applicants. Questions that can be answered by referring to sections of the application, or that are specific to an applicant, may be answered directly by JGA staff. Oral explanations or instructions given prior to the award of grants will not be binding.

d. Informational session

JGA will host an informational session webinar for this solicitation. Additional information on the date and time will be provided at a later date; applicants must register for JGA's Funding Opportunities email updates to receive announcements regarding the informational session

<http://jga.dc.gov/DC/JGA/Grantmaking/Funding+Opportunities/Funding+Opportunities>)

. Attendance at the informational session is not mandatory for submitting an application but is strongly encouraged. Questions and answers from the informational session will be posted on JGA's website no later than a week after the conclusion of the informational session. Additional questions and answers received by JGA related to the substance of the RFA may continue to be posted on JGA's website.

e. Application review and scoring

All applications that are complete and that meet the application criteria will be reviewed and scored by an independent review panel. Scoring and the recommendations of the review panel are advisory only. The final decision to fund programs rests solely with the JGA Director.

All applications for this RFA will be objectively reviewed and scored against the following application areas and key criteria:

- Outputs and outcomes (15 points)
- Program/project activities (35 points)
- Experience, expertise, and capacity (25 points)
- Sustainability plan (15 points)
- Budget and fiscal/administrative oversight (10 points)

f. Award decisions and notification

JGA will notify all applicants of the final award decision no later than September 30, 2010 pending notification to JGA of the federal award. For those applicants receiving funding, written notice will include the exact grant award amount; award agreement with all award terms and conditions; and any supplemental information required.

VII. Application Checklist

All applicants (including current/former JGA grantees) must email all application materials listed below to jga.agency@dc.gov

General Application Requirements

- ☐ Signed Applicant Cover Sheet (Attachment A)
- ☐ Program Narrative: The program narrative should including the following elements
 - Abstract
 - Proposed project/program activities
 - Outputs and outcomes
- ☐ Qualitative/quantitative data, presentations, reports (if applicable)
- ☐ Statement of Qualifications
- ☐ Signed letters of commitment
- ☐ Budget Template and Budget Computation/Narrative (Attachment B)
- ☐ Sustainability Plan

Administrative Application Requirements

- ☐ Certification Regarding Lobbying: Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Attachment C)
- ☐ Standard assurances (Attachment D)
- ☐ Statement of Certification (Attachment E)
- ☐ Documentation that applicant organization is a legally-authorized entity (see section III. f.)
- ☐ Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) certification (if available)
- ☐ Disclosure of organizational budget with a listing of all current and potential funding sources (most recent)
- ☐ Audited financial statement (most recent)
- ☐ Completed W-9 form
- ☐ Completed Master Supplier Form
- ☐ ARIBA confirmation
- ☐ Organizational chart
- ☐ Roster of board of directors (if applicable)
- ☐ Key staff resumes (if applicable)